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UNION BANK TO BE TAKEN OVER BY ROYAL CARTER-HALLS COMPANY OF WINNIPEG LOWEST TENDERER ON ELEVATOR

Union Bank Sold to Royal Subject to Endorsement by Shareholders of Each, Announces Finance Minister

OTTAWA, May 23.—Hon. J. A. Robb, acting minister of finance, announced last night that he had given his consent to the purchase of the Union Bank of Canada by the Royal Bank, the shareholders of the Union to receive one share of Royal stock for each two shares of Union stock.

The purchase requires ratification by the shareholders of both banks.

Mr. Robb stated that in asking his consent to the agreement of sale the directors of the Union Bank had reported that in view of the substantially reduced earnings with no prospect of an early improvement and the difficulty, "despite rigid economies of curtailing proportionately the cost of operation, they were faced with the necessity of making a drastic cut in the annual dividends, which would result in a substantial drop in the value of the bank shares and further might adversely affect the general standing of the bank. To obviate the possibility of such a serious situation and in order to protect the shareholders and the public as well as in the interest of general financial stability, the directors of the Union Bank after exhaustive consideration deemed it their wisest course to obtain the consent of the acting minister of finance to a sale to the Royal Bank."

The purchase by the Union Bank of the Royal reduces the number of banks chartered by the Federal government to eleven.

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VANCOUVER, May 23.—Jack Miller of Prince Rupert, who is out on bail pending the appeal of his conviction, under liquor charge at Los Angeles, is wanted here now and is not available. He has been ordered to return. If he does not show up, as it is generally understood he will not, his bond of \$25,000 will be forfeited.

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